

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

MICHAEL TED LAMB,

Plaintiff,

VS.

OSCAR MENDOZA, *et al*,

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. C-07-449

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXPERT**

Pending is plaintiff's motion for appointment of an expert (D.E. 37). The plain language of the *in forma pauperis* statute does not provide for the appointment of expert witnesses to aid an indigent plaintiff. 28 U.S.C. § 1915; Pedraza v. Jones, 71 F.3d 194, 196 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995); Hannah v. United States, 523 F.3d 597 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008). Plaintiff has not shown that any compelling circumstances requiring the appointment of an expert. Plaintiff's motion (D.E. 37) is denied.

ORDERED this 3rd day of June, 2008.

  
B. JANICE ELLINGTON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE